**India's share in world trade**

†4465. SHRI BANWARI LAL KANCHHAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the rank of India as an exporter and importer country in the world trade;

(b) the value of trade materializing during the last two years and the percentage of share of India in the world trade; and

(c) the value of goods exported during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) According to the latest available statistics of the World Trade Organisation (WTO), India was ranked 28th as an exporter and 17th as an importer in world trade.

(b) The value of merchandise trade (exports and imports) and India's share in the world trade as reported by the WTO is given below:

| | India's Exports | | India's Imports | | India's Total Trade (Exports & Imports) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Year | US $ bn | % share in World exports | US $ bn | % share in World imports | US $ bn | % share in total world trade |
| 2005 | 95 | 0.9 | 135 | 1.3 | 230 | 1.1 |
| 2006 | 120 | 1.0 | 174 | 1.4 | 294 | 1.2 |

(c) Total exports on financial year basis, as reported by the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics, (DGCI&S) were valued at US $ 103 billion during 2005-06 and US $ 125 billion during 2006-07.

**Promotion of export of gems and jewellery**

†4466. SHRI BANWARI LAL KANCHHAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intend to promote the export of gems and jewellery;

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